

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) An antimicrobial skin sanitizing composition comprising:
  - at least about 60 weight percent of an aliphatic alcohol having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, propanol, isopropanol, butanol, isobutanol, and tertiary butanol;
  - from about 0.1 to about 5 weight percent of a thickening agent, wherein the thickening agent is a carbomer polymer; and
  - an effective amount of a neutralizer ~~designated by the FDA as of February 5, 2002, as a direct food substance that is Generally Recognized As Safe~~ selected from the group consisting of lactic acid, D-sorbitol, ascorbic acid, L-glutamic acid, calcium acetate, acetic acid, benzoic acid, sodium citrate, sodium lactate, citric acid, propionic acid, cholic acid, glucono-delta lactone, L-malic acid, butyric acid, succinic acid, sorbic acid, ethyl vanillin, adipic acid, carbon dioxide, sodium diacetate, monosodium glutamate, sodium acid citrate, sodium bicarbonate, potassium bicarbonate, sodium potassium tartrate, calcium carbonate, glycocholic acid, tartaric acid, sodium benzoate, sodium sesquicarbonate, potassium carbonate, malic acid, calcium citrate, calcium lactate, potassium acid tartrate, sodium tartrate, potassium lactate, ammonium bicarbonate, calcium hydroxide, calcium oxide, magnesium hydroxide, magnesium oxide, potassium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide, aluminum calcium silicate, ammonium hydroxide, tannic acid, sodium carbonate, potassium citrate, potassium chloride, sodium phosphate, dibasic, sodium phosphate, monobasic, sodium phosphate, tribasic, hydrochloric acid, phosphoric acid, sulfuric acid, ammonium phosphate, monobasic, sodium pyrophosphate, sodium sulfate, sodium sulfite, magnesium phosphate, tribasic, calcium phosphate, dibasic,

potassium phosphate, dibasic, calcium phosphate, monobasic, sodium tripolyphosphate, calcium phosphate, tribasic, calcium sulfate, potassium phosphate, tribasic, potassium phosphate, monobasic, chlorine, magnesium phosphate, dibasic, ammonium phosphate, dibasic, aluminum potassium sulfate, aluminum ammonium sulfate, aluminum sodium sulfate, ammonium carbonate, carnauba wax (copernicia cerifera (arruda) mart.), sodium caseinate, magnesium sulfate, calcium chloride, aluminum sulfate, potassium sorbate, magnesium carbonate, sodium metaphosphate, sodium acetate, and precursors thereof, or a neutralizer designated by the FDA as an amino acid permitted for direct addition to food for human consumption, to neutralize the thickening agent, wherein the composition is not a mousse, has a density of at least 0.8 g/ml, and has a viscosity of from about 1,000 to about 65,000 centipoise at 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

2. (previously cancelled)
3. (original) The sanitizing composition of claim 1, wherein the alcohol is ethanol.
4. (previously cancelled)
5. (original) The sanitizing composition of claim 1, wherein the sanitizing composition comprises from about 60 to about 90 percent by weight alcohol.
6. (currently amended) The sanitizing composition of claim 1, wherein the neutralizer ~~is designated by the FDA as of February 5, 2002 as Generally Recognized as Safe~~ is selected from the group consisting of lactic acid, D-sorbitol, ascorbic acid, L-glutamic acid, calcium acetate, acetic acid, benzoic acid, sodium citrate, sodium lactate, citric acid, propionic acid, cholic acid, glucono-delta lactone, L-malic acid, butyric acid,

succinic acid, sorbic acid, ethyl vanillin, adipic acid, carbon dioxide, sodium diacetate, monosodium glutamate, sodium acid citrate, sodium bicarbonate, potassium bicarbonate, sodium potassium tartrate, calcium carbonate, glycocholic acid, tartaric acid, sodium benzoate, sodium sesquicarbonate, potassium carbonate, malic acid, calcium citrate, calcium lactate, potassium acid tartrate, sodium tartrate, potassium lactate, ammonium bicarbonate, calcium hydroxide, calcium oxide, magnesium hydroxide, magnesium oxide, potassium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide, aluminum calcium silicate, ammonium hydroxide, tannic acid, sodium carbonate, potassium citrate, potassium chloride, sodium phosphate, dibasic, sodium phosphate, monobasic, sodium phosphate, tribasic, hydrochloric acid, phosphoric acid, sulfuric acid, ammonium phosphate, monobasic, sodium pyrophosphate, sodium sulfate, sodium sulfite, magnesium phosphate, tribasic, calcium phosphate, dibasic, potassium phosphate, dibasic, calcium phosphate, monobasic, sodium tripolyphosphate, calcium phosphate, tribasic, calcium sulfate, potassium phosphate, tribasic, potassium phosphate, monobasic, chlorine, magnesium phosphate, dibasic, ammonium phosphate, dibasic, aluminum potassium sulfate, aluminum ammonium sulfate, aluminum sodium sulfate, ammonium carbonate, carnauba wax (copernicia cerifera (arruda) mart.), sodium caseinate, magnesium sulfate, calcium chloride, aluminum sulfate, potassium sorbate, magnesium carbonate, sodium metaphosphate, sodium acetate, and precursors thereof.

7. (original) The sanitizing composition of claim 1, wherein the neutralizer contains a hydroxide selected from the group consisting of sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, ammonium hydroxide, magnesium hydroxide, and precursors thereof.
8. (original) The sanitizing composition of claim 1, wherein the neutralizer contains an amino acid selected from the group consisting arginine, cysteine, and thiamine.

9. (original) The sanitizing composition of claim 7, wherein the neutralizer contains sodium hydroxide.
10. (previously cancelled)
11. (previously cancelled)
12. (original) The sanitizing composition of claim 1, wherein the sanitizing composition further comprises one or more components selected from moisturizers, emollients, preservatives, perfumes, dyes, opacifiers, and lubricity agents.
- 13.-24. (previously cancelled without prejudice of disclaimer and subject to Applicants' right to file a divisional application thereon)
- 25.(previously amended) An antimicrobial skin sanitizing composition comprising:
  - at least about 60 percent weight of an aliphatic alcohol having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, propanol, isopropanol, isopropanol, butanol, isobutanol, and tertiary butanol;
  - from about 0.1 to about 5 weight percent of a carbomer thickening agent;
  - and
  - from about 0.0001 to about 0.2 weight percent sodium hydroxide to neutralize the thickening agent, wherein the composition is not a mousse, has a density of at least 0.8 g/ml, and has a viscosity of from about 1,000 to about 65,000 centipoise at 70 degrees Fahrenheit.